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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/07

SPONSOR Swisstack LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 946

SHORT TITLE Low-Income Family-Self-Sufficiency SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Weber

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Human Services Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 946 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for the purpose of engaging community volunteers to help low-income families become self-sufficient in Sandoval County.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund.. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill does not define community volunteer, low income or self-sufficient. Since the appropriation is made to the Human Services Department it could be assumed the intent is to integrate the funds as part of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) program but this is uncertain.

HSD reports TANF currently provides services for assisting low income households through the

NMWorks Program by providing support services for work participation and for addressing participation barriers. These costs for support contracts are already in place. These include: NMW Workforce Program, substance abuse services, strengthening families initiative, transportation, CSW TeamWorks, CYFD domestic violence services, ALTSD Gold Mentor, CYFD child care, \$32,219,300, and wage subsidy programs.

The ALTSD Gold Mentoring Program is a volunteer type program for individuals working with a low-income TANF participant in employment preparation. The ALTSD Gold Mentoring Program, was an available service in Sandoval County in FY06, however due to reallocation of funds and the services is not currently active Sandoval County in FY07.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Why would services of this nature be limited to Sandoval County?

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